

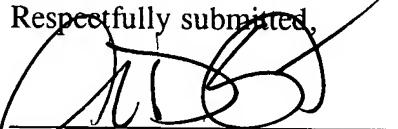
REMARKS:

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-64 and 76-80 without prejudice so as to reduce the claims fee associated with this application and to expedite the prosecution thereof. Claims 65-75 were previously restricted out of prior application S/N 10/068,801, and claims 81-91 are related thereto. It is not believed that this amendment necessitates a change in inventorship.

After amendment, this application has 22 pending claims, two of which are independent. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a continuation application. Any questions resulting from this preliminary amendment should be directed to Applicants' undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

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